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96.00 Utility Accommodation
96.30 Freeways

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A. General Policy

Longitudinal installations on freeway right-of-way shall be limited to communications facilities only. The installation of cellular antennas and its associated equipment shall be defined as a longitudinal occupation. Other types of utility facilities may be allowed to longitudinally occupy freeway right-of-way, but only under certain circumstances. See policy 96.31(C) for details.

On highways which are not presently constructed as freeways but the right-of-way has been acquired for the construction of such a facility, the requirements for utility installations shall be the same as for freeways.

Utility facilities may be limited to underground installations, except as provided for crossings or special cases.

Longitudinal utility installations on freeways may be charged a fee for the right to occupy. The Department may also opt for access to communications or other types of services, or a combination of fees and services. If this is warranted, agreements shall be negotiated with each company on a case by case basis, and are aimed at providing mutual benefits to all parties involved.

B. Transmission Facilities

Transmission type utility facilities may be permitted to longitudinally occupy freeways in special cases.

C. Distribution Facilities

Distribution type utility facilities shall not be permitted to longitudinally occupy freeways.

D. Service Connections

Service connections shall not be permitted from transmission or distribution type facilities. Service connections shall not be permitted to cross a freeway.